

JOHN B. CHAPMAN.

FEBRUARY 4, 1876.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BRADLEY, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John B. Chapman, would report thereon:

That this claim is made for voluntary services rendered and money paid out in behalf of the Osage Indians in the years 1861 and 1862, the claim being supported by the statements of the then Indian agent, and other persons. The claim was presented to the Interior Department for payment, and after an examination by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, \$300 was allowed thereon in full payment of the same. Mr. Chapman admits receiving this sum, but claims to have done so under protest as to its being in full satisfaction. Subsequently his petition was presented to Congress, and an act passed thereupon, approved February 14, 1873, referring the case to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, with instructions to examine and report to Congress what, if anything, is justly due Mr. Chapman. The report of the Commissioner, dated January 8, 1874, states that he made such examination, and upon the statement of the case, supported by additional proofs, not before submitted in the examinations, allowed Mr. Chapman \$1,500.

The committee, in considering the facts connected with this case, that the service rendered was entirely voluntary and without the knowledge or consent of the Department of Government having the Indian affairs in charge, and that upon a claim therefor being presented, at which time an examination was made and \$300 allowed therefor in full, which sum the claimant admits having received, come to the conclusion that no further allowance should be made, and report the petition back, with the accompanying papers, and recommend that they be laid upon the table.